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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Support for the Lifeline program, WC Docket numbers 17-287, 11-42, 09-197

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Lifeline program, and I urge you to reject the current proposals that would negatively impact more than one million New Yorkers, many of whom are low-income senior citizens.

As a Member of the New York City Council representing Flushing, Queens, I have personally seen the positive effects of the Lifeline program, particularly in how it is used by low-income immigrant senior citizens. Many of these senior citizens are scraping by on fixed incomes with multiple medical appointments that are only made possible through the benefits of the Lifeline service. Cutting back this program would add an additional burden to thousands of elderly New Yorkers.

Current proposals would harm the Lifeline program by:

- Eliminating service for approximately 75 percent of current participants, particularly mobile services;
- Restricting voice service support to only low-income households in rural areas;
- Install a lifetime cap on Lifeline recipients; and
- Place an overall budget cap on the Lifeline program.

I urge you to protect the most vulnerable of our residents and uphold the current Lifeline service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Koo".

Peter Koo  
Council Member  
20<sup>th</sup> District, Queens